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Anticipated Floor Action:

H.R. 4475—FY 2001 Transportation Appropriations

H.R. 4392—FY 2001 Intelligence Authorization Act

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Bills Considered Pursuant to a Rule

H.R. 4475—FY 2001 Transportation Appropriations

Floor Situation: The House will consider H.R. 4475 as its first order of business today. The Rules Committee met yesterday and granted an open rule for the consideration of H.R. 4475. The rule waives all points of order against the bill and provides one hour of general debate to be equally divided between the chairman and the ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. Amendments printed in the Rules Committee report are considered to be adopted. Except as otherwise specified in the rule, the rule prohibiting unauthorized and legislative provisions in an appropriations bill is waived and the Chair will accord priority in recognizing Members who have had their amendments pre-printed in the *Congressional Record*. The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may reduce votes to five minutes on a postponed vote if it follows a 15-minute vote and one motion to recommit, with or without instructions is in order.

H.R. 4475 appropriates \$15 billion in new budget authority for transportation programs in FY 2001, \$1.3 billion more than last year. Specifically, the measure allocates (1) \$30.7 billion for the Federal Highway Administration—a \$1.6 billion increase; (2) \$12 billion for the Federal Aviation Administration (a \$2 billion increase); (3) \$6.2 billion for the Federal Transit Administration, \$485 million more than last year; (4) \$689 million for the Federal Railroad Administration, a \$45 million decrease from the FY 2000 level; and (5) \$4.6 billion for the U.S. Coast Guard, a \$594 million increase.

Amendments: At press time, the *Legislative Digest* was aware of the following amendments:

Mr. Andrews may offer an amendment (#1) reduces the funding for the Amtrak Reform Council. If it were reduced to \$450,000, it would be equal to what the ARC received in FY 2000. If it were \$450,000, it would reflect what the House appropriated in FY 2000. *Staff Contact: Christopher Jones, x5-6501*

Mr. Andrews may offer an amendment (#2) that reduces the funding for the Amtrak Reform Council to \$750,000. *Staff Contact: Christopher Jones, x5-6501*

Mr. Bilbray may offer an amendment (#3) that prohibits funds in the bill from being spent to purchase diesel buses. *Staff Contact: Paige Anderson, x5-2040*

Mr. Bilbray may offer an amendment (#4) that prohibits funds in the bill from being spent to purchase buses that use diesel fuel. The amendment clarifies what “clean technologies” can be used. This amendment attempts to encourage cities and municipalities to use buses that run on alternate sources of energy in an attempt to curb atmospheric pollution from bus emissions. *Staff Contact: Paige Anderson, x5-2040*

Ms. Maloney (NY) may offer an amendment (#5) that proposes on page 30, line 2, after the “Long Island Railroad East Side access project” adding “and the 2nd Avenue Subway with the determination of allocation of such funding being made by the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority. *Contact: x5-7944*

Mr. Manzullo may offer an amendment (#6) that prohibits the FAA from spending any money until it re-instates back pay and re-classifies any individual who left an IPP facility before the pay rules between the FAA and NATCA had been in effect. *Staff Contact: Kurt Markva, x5-5676*

Mr. Olver may offer an amendment (#7) that strikes prohibition on CAFÉ standards. *Staff Contact: Peter Irvine, x5-5335*

Mr. Rogan may offer an amendment (#8) that prohibits the use of federal funds to construct California 710. The road is not supported by locals because it runs through an historic district. *Staff Contact: Dave Silverstein, x5-4176*

Mr. Terry may offer an amendment (#9) that stipulates that none of the funds be used to finalize or implement the rule entitled “Hours of Service of Drivers,” which was published by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration on May 2, 2000. *Contact: x5-4155*

Ms. Jackson-Lee and Mr. Bentsen may offer an amendment that strikes section 331 of H.R. 4475 which prevents federal funding for the planning, design, or construction of a community supported light rail system in Houston, Texas. *Staff Contact, Oliver Kellman, x 5-3816.*

Additional Information: See *Legislative Digest*, Vol. XXXIX, #13, Pt. III, May 17, 2000.

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H.R. 4392-FY 2001 Intelligence Authorization Act

Floor Situation: The House will consider H.R. 4392 as its final order of business today. Yesterday, the Rules Committee granted a modified open rule that provides one hour of general debate, equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Intelligence Committee. It makes a committee substitute amendment as base text and waives points of order against it. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the *Congressional Record*. The chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone votes and reduce the voting time on a postponed vote to five minutes, so long as it follows a regular 15-minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

Summary: H.R. 4392 authorizes appropriations for the intelligence activities of 11 federal agencies including the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the National Security Agency (NSA), the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The funding levels and personnel ceilings for most programs are outlined in a classified annex to the committee report, which members may view at the Select Committee on Intelligence in H-405 in the Capitol. CBO estimates that enactment of the unclassified position of the bill will result in \$144 million in federal spending over the FY 2001-2005. The bill affects direct spending, so pay-as-you-go procedures apply. The Select Committee on Intelligence ordered H.R. 4392 reported by a vote of 12-0 on May 10, 2000.

Views: The Republican Leadership supports passage of this measure. An official Clinton Administration viewpoint was unavailable at press time.

Amendments: The *Legislative Digest* was aware of the following amendments to H.R. 4392 at press time:

Messrs. Roemer, Moran (VA), Smith (WA), and Mr. Blumenauer will offer an amendment to require the Director of Central Intelligence to submit a report to Congress not later than February 1 of each year containing an unclassified statement of the aggregate appropriations for U.S. intelligence activities for each preceding fiscal year. *Staff Contact: Pete Spiro, x5-3915.*

Mr. Traficant may offer an amendment mandating that no amounts authorized in this act may be used to enter into, renew, or carry out a contract with any party who has been found to violate the "Buy America Act" by the head of any intelligence agency or Department. *Staff Contact: Dan Blair, x5-5261*

Mr. Traficant may offer an amendment requiring the Director of the CIA submit a report to Congress that updates and revises the report mandated by last year's Intelligence authorization (*P.L. 106-120*) that details the effects of economic espionage against the United States. *Staff Contact: Dan Blair, x5-5261*

Mr. Traficant may offer an amendment that requires the Director of Central Intelligence to report within 60 days after enactment on whether the goals and policies of the People's Republic of China constitutes a threat to the national security of the United States. *Staff Contact: Dan Blair, x5-5261*

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